“THE ZOO STORY” BY EDWARD ALBEE

**THEMES**

* absurdity vs. reality.
* loneliness
* isolation
* the inability to communicate
* the way people are shunned when they fail to communicate.

**Dystopia Enduring Understandings: Provides focus for reading, speaking, writing**

***1. The absence of meaningful human relationships defines the quality of a society.***

***2. Those who control the information control the society.***

***3. Technology has the potential to free society or enslave it.***

1. To what extent is a utopian society possible? What causes a utopia to become dystopian?

2. In what ways does society impact and influence one’s relationships?

3. Where can one draw the line between technology that gives one autonomy versus technology that

makes one dependent on things outside oneself?